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Applicants : DOTTORI et al.

Serial No. : 10/756,368

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Examiner : SAUCIER, S. E.

For: **STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE OF BLOOD PRODUCTS
INCLUDING RED BLOOD CELLS AND PLATELETS**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Sir:

Secondo Dottori and Arduino Arduini depose and state that:

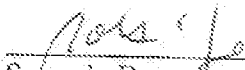
1. JD Sweeney, AJ Blair, A Arduini and J Petrucci are named authors of *Sweeney et al.*, "L-CARNITINE AND L-ACETYLCARNITINE MAY REDUCE GLYCOLYSIS IN STORED PLATELET CONCENTRATES", *Vox Sanguinis*, (June 1998), 74(1): 1226, 25th Congress of International Society of Blood Transfusion, Oslo, Norway, June 27-July 2, 1998.

2. Secondo Dottori and Arduino Arduini are the named inventors of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/756,368 ("the '368 Application"), filed January 14, 2004.


3. The information presented in the disclosure of Sweeney et al. relied upon by the Examiner for rejecting the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is the disclosure of Applicants' own work and is not the work of another.

4. Jane Petrucci and Abby Blair were only technicians and facilitated or performed the experiments. They did not have any intellectual contribution to the work.


5. Each of the undersigned petitioners declares further that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the '368 Application or any patent issuing thereon.



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